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Chinese Defy Soviet Leadership

By Drew Pearson

President Eisenhower isn't the only one who has a problem with leaks. His friend, Nikita Khrushchev, also has a problem about the release of sensational information to what is known as the "Communist conference" in Moscow.

The story of how the Red Chinese delegation stood up to Khrushchev and flatly opposed his policy of relaxation with the West has now leaked to a certain foreign embassy in Moscow and back to Washington.

It's one of the most significant events in the Communist world since the reversal of Stalin's tough policy.

At the Communist summit meeting, the Poles, Czechs, Rumanians, Bulgars and other satellite leaders were astounded to see the Chinese Reds tell Khrushchev that they didn't believe in getting along with the West and weren't going to cooperate. This was a direct challenge to Khrushchev's leadership. Hitherto, he has always set policy for the Communist world.

Khrushchev was reported angry at the blunt Chinese challenge, but kept his temper.



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All the European satellites backed him up in relaxing toward the West, but the Communist Vietnamese sided with the Chinese. Significantly, Otto Grotewohl of East Germany also favored a tougher policy toward the West.

The Chinese toughness fits in with what this writer reported from Hong Kong, the Philippines and Formosa last December. The leaders I interviewed in the countries around Red China reported a stiffening of the Chinese line and feared a drive into the rice fields of the south. It also fits into reports from Peking that the Red Chinese gave Khrushchev rather a bad time when he flew there immediately after the Camp David talks with Ike last September.

(NOTE—Khrushchev showed his feelings toward the Red Chinese at the end of the recent Communist summit conference in Moscow. He invited every delegation except the Chinese and the Vietnamese to call on him at the Kremlin.)

Capital Chitchat

Anthony Mammarella, former partner of Dick Clark, has been grilled for two days by the Harris subcommittee behind closed doors. Congressional investigators wanted to find out how much money Clark made from the music publishing company, the record company, and the disc pressing company which he owned but

has now turned over to Mammarella . . . President Eisenhower has ordered two planes to take him on his Latin-American tour. He wants to fly down in a jet, but will also take his propeller plane, the Columbine, to operate once he gets to South America . . . Secretary of Labor Mitchell told union leaders in Miami last week that he was willing to hire half a dozen top union men to help enforce the Landrum-Griffin labor law. Many labor leaders, however, are very much upset over the appointment of former FBI agent Dan O'Connor as the enforcement chief of Landrum-Griffin. O'Connor was formerly associated with the Southern States Industrial Council—very anti-labor . . . Soviet universities are now accepting only the top 10 per cent of high school graduates. American observers are uncertain whether the Kremlin is now concentrating upon educating only the smartest students or whether more manpower simply is needed in the factories and on the farms.

Dogs vs. Missiles

Fuming over Republican charges that he has leaked security information, Sen. Stu Symington of Missouri has served private notice that he will keep the American people informed about our lagging defenses as long as Administration spokesmen issue tran-

quilizing statements publicly, but privately say exactly the opposite behind closed doors.

He pointed out that intelligence chief Allen Dulles, testifying in secret, completely contradicted public statements by Secretary of Defense Tom Gates and Gen. Nate Twining.

When Symington confronted Twining with this disparity, the Joint Chiefs' Chairman explained with a shrug that he had been unaware of Dulles' alarming facts on Soviet missile superiority. Yet the Dulles figures were contained in Pentagon papers which Twining, as the Nation's top military officer, certainly should have read.

In his private warning to Republicans, Symington charged that the Eisenhower Administration has repeatedly released security information that was politically favorable, while suppressing information that was unfavorable.

"If it's favorable to the Administration it isn't a leak," said Symington. "If it's unfavorable to the Administration, then it's a leak."

"The American people spent \$750 million on swimming pools last year," he said. "That's enough to buy 1000 intercontinental missiles."

The amount that American people spent on dog clothes, he added, would go a long way toward catching up with the Russians.

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